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SUBJECT: DRV REACTS TO GVN SEPTEMBER 26 PROTEST

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1. DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ISSUES STATEMENT (REF)
ON SEPTEMBER 26 REPLYING TO GVN PROTEST OF SAME DATE ON
COMMUNISTS' OCCUPATION OF LE MINH (PLEI D'JERENG) RANGER
CAMP. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF HANOI'S RADIO VERSION
OF STATEMENT.

2. BEGIN TEXT: FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT,
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THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION, WITH US ABETMENT AND AID, HAS

SERIOUSLY VIOLATED THE CEASEFIRE PROVISION, CONTINUOUSLY LAUNCHED NIBBLING OPERATIONS AGAINST THE LIBERATED AREAS AND, AT THE SAME TIME, INTENSIVELY CARRIED OUT PACIFICATION, POLICE AND MOPPING-UP OPERATIONS IN AREAS UNDER ITS CONTROL. IN PARTICULAR, IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION USED A LARGE FORCE SUPPORTED BY AIRCRAFT AND ARTILLERY TO CONTINUOUSLY LAUNCH NIBBLING OPERATIONS AGAINST THE PRGRSV-CONTROLLED AREAS IN GIA LAI PLEIKU AND KONTUM PROVINCES, CAUSING HEAVY CASUALTIES AND MATERIAL LOSSES TO THE LOCAL PEOPLE. THE PEOPLE AND PLAF IN THESE REGIONS FIRMLY COUNTERATTACHED TO DEFEND THE LIBERATED AREAS AND DULY PUNISH THE AGGRESSORS. RECENTLY THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION MOBILIZED A LARGE GROUND, ARTILLERY AND AIR FORCE TO CONTINUOUSLY AND INTENSIVELY LAUNCH NIBBLING OPERATIONS.

3. HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES AND SAIGON ADMINISTRATION HAVE ACCUSED THE DRV AND PRGRSV OF VIOLATING THE CEASEFIRE AND MADE UP A STORY CLAIMING THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE REGULAR FORCES ATTACKED AND OCCUPIED THE LE MINH POSITION. THESE ALLEGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND SAIGON ADMINISTRATION ARE CLEARLY ONLY A DIVERSIONARY TRICK AIMED AT COVERING UP THEIR EXTREMELY SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET-NAM AND THE 13 JUNE JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND SIMULTANEOUSLY PAVING THE WAY FOR NEW MILITARY ADVENTURES.

4. THE DRV MINISTRY STERNLY CONDEMNS THE ABOVE MENTIONED EXTREMELY SERIOUS VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE

SAIGON ADMINISTRATION, STRONGLY REFUTES THE SLANDEROUS ALLEGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND SAIGON ADMINISTRATION AND DEMANDS THAT THEY CORRECTLY IMPLEMENT ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM. THE UNITED STATES AND SAIGON ADMINISTRATION MUST BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES RESULTING FROM THEIR ACTIONS. END TEXT.

5. COMMENT: HANOI'S REACTION TO THE GVN CHARGES WAS A TYPICALLY SWIFT BUT PREDICTABLY AMBIGUOUS. THE STATEMENT BEGINS WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY COMMUNIST "COUNTER-ATTACKS" (READ LE MINH) AS RESPONSE TO GVN "NIBBLING
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OPERATIONS" (MEANING, PERHAPS THE GVN'S REOCCUPATION OF TRUNG NGHIA AND POLEI KRONG, TWO VILLAGES NORTHWEST OF KONTUM SEIZED BY THE COMMUNISTS LAST JUNE). BUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO IF ANY, IS NEVER MADE EXPLICIT AND, IN THE END, THE GVN PROTEST OVER LE MINH IS SIMPLY DISMISSED AS A "DIVERSIONARY TRICK."

6. THIS DRV DEFENSE IS UNDERSTANDABLY WEAK AND

UNCONVINCING. THE VERY FACT, WHICH HANOI DOES NOT CONTEST,
THAT THE NVA NOW OCCUPIES A MILITARY BASE WHICH HAD BEEN
HELD BY THE GVN SINCE BEFORE THE CEASEFIRE IS EMBARRASSINGLY
UNDENIABLE EVIDENCE OF A SERIOUS BREACH OF THE CEASEFIRE.
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